

REMARKS

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Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

The undersigned thanks Examiner Mark L. Berch for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview of 23 June 2009. The claim amendments set forth above and the arguments presented below are believed to be commensurate with the discussions held during the interview.

The allowability of claims 12 and 18-29 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claims 12-29 and 30-42 are pending in the application. Claims 14-17 have been amended and new claims 32-42 have been added to recite the species in previous claims 14-17 in separate claims. Claims 13 and 31 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. No new issues have been added. No claims have been amended to overcome prior art. The full doctrine of equivalents applies to each claim element.

The rejection of claims 13 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is obviated by the amendments to claims 13 and 31 set forth above. As discussed during the interview, the claim term "simultaneous" does not require that the protic solvent and base be added at exactly the same time. The base can be added shortly after the protic solvent. Applicant submits that the claimed invention fully complies with Section 112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is obviated by the amendments to claims 14-17 and entry of new claims 32-42 set forth above. As discussed during the interview, claims 14-17 are amended and new claims 32-42 are added to recite the species in previous claims 14-17 in separate claims. Applicant submits that claims 14-17 fully comply with Section 112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

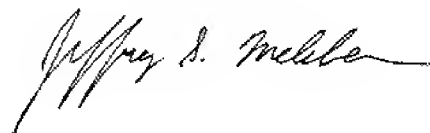
The rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is obviated by the cancellation of claim 30. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

The objection to the Abstract is obviated by the amendment to the Abstract set forth above. As discussed during the interview, the chemical formulae have been added to the Abstract. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the objections and rejections of record having been addressed, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and Notice that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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